

**MICHIGAN EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT-TO-KNOW
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Crystal Mountain Resort
October 8, 2002**

Commissioners Present

John Ort, Chair
Paul Zugger, Vice Chair
Burton Eichler
Kenneth Gembel
Christopher Johnson
Gregory Kirt
Arthur Lenaghan
Dawn Mills
Gail Novak
John Patrick
Ida Shelly
Lori Simon
Arthur Tanis
Gordon Van Gelder

Commissioners Excused Absence

Richard Guttowsky
James Miller
Robert Tarrant

Others Present

Marge Bramschreiber, Menominee County
Harry Partridge, MSP/EMD
Martha Stanbury, MDCH
Robert Lundy, DMVA
Burton Francisco, MIARNG
Thomas Newell, MSP/EMD
Susan Parker, DEQ
Larry French, Kent County Sheriff/LEPC
Andy Such, Michigan Chemistry Council
Tim Genovese, Saginaw EMD
Peter Vincent, MSP/EMD
Bill Lenaghan, Washtenaw County LEPC
Bonnie Fighter, MSP/EMD
Margaret Leduc, City of Romulus EM
Larry Reaman, Alcona County LEPC
Don Boomershine, MSP/EMD
Linda Lewis, MSP/EMD
Dana Wolverton, MSP/EMD

- 1. Call Meeting to Order.** At 12:46 p.m., Chair Ort called the meeting to order. Roll was called. Chair Ort recognized several SERC members who will be leaving their post as commissioners, they were Arthur Davis, Vice-Chair Paul Zugger, and John Patrick. Each was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the commission.

2. **Approve Agenda.** A motion was made by Commissioner Tanis, seconded by Commissioner Lenaghan, to approve the agenda as submitted. Unanimous approval.
3. **Approve Meeting Minutes.** A motion was made by Commissioner Kirt, seconded by Commissioner Eichler, to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 9, 2002. Unanimous approval.
4. **Chair's Report.** Chair Ort has recently voiced his concerns over getting local response plans completed and it is one of the SERC's top priorities. One funding option may be the 2002 Federal Supplemental which specifically addresses planning. Chair Ort asked for commission support on making the available funding for local programs be contingent on having 302 plans completed. The state application and strategy is due to FEMA on November 8th. Once EMD completes their strategy, more information will be disseminated to the locals. Michigan received 4.1 million dollars (2.6 million dollars is expected to be available for local programs). The monies will be used for the following:
 - ☐ Emergency operation plans and procedures
 - ☐ Assessment of the State Emergency Operations Center
 - ☐ US Citizen Corp, (CERT program)
5. **DEQ Activity Report.** Tier two reports are nearly all entered. 5,550 facilities reported. This includes 325 new reporters this year. 418 facilities that reported for 2000 are no longer subject to reporting. A preliminary tally has been completed for the Toxic Chemical Release Inventory (TRI) reports. 916 facilities reported. This includes 69 new facilities (of which 15 were reporting because of the lower threshold for lead). 58 facilities that reported in 2000 are no longer subject to reporting. Total releases decreased by 9% from 2000. Waste management transfers (recycling, energy recovery, treatment) increased 21% from 2000. There has been an emphasis on updating the section 302 list. 201 sites were added and 263 sites were dropped from the list between January 1, 2002 and October 2, 2002. On the Tier Two facilities mailing, additional mailing address fields have been added. Also included in the mailing is a Tier Two FAQs. (copy provided to commissioners). These and additional FAQ's will be on the website. DEQ staff is still working on the Tier Two electronic reporting software. It is unsure when it will be available. Facilities can still use existing software. Integrated Contingency Planning information will be sent out in November. DEQ will not be hosting Tier Two training workshops this year. Another project being worked on by DEQ staff is to develop links between DEQ's website and LEPC websites.
6. **MSP/EMD Activity Report.** HMEP Grant application packets were sent out in August. The deadline for return was mid-September. We received 57 grant applications back. Grant agreements will go out the end of this month. New submittal procedures are being developed and will go out with the agreement. Plan writing information workshops will be held in each district November through January. A review of 231 new plans was just completed. 106 were submitted by Oakland County. 523 updates of plans. The Michigan Farm Bureau is giving discounts of 5-15% to farms that develop plans. The NOSPILLS Conference is scheduled for January 21-23, 2003, in Traverse City. The Region V SERC conference on November 19-20, 2002, in Ohio. The following information was provided to commissioners:
 - ☐ 2002/2003 LEPC Meeting Schedule
 - ☐ LEPC Chairs Listing
 - ☐ Notification of Michigan's AmeriCorps information/outreach session – October 14, 2002

7. **Old Business.** Summary of Completed/Not Completed 302 site plans. Pete Vincent reported on the 2001 LEPC plans submitted report.

8. **New Business.**

SERC Goals and Objectives. The SERC Goals and Objectives for 2003/2004 were distributed. A motion was made by Commissioner Kirt, seconded by Commissioner Simon to approve the goals and objectives as submitted. Unanimous approval.

Subcommittee Assignments. The Subcommittee assignments were distributed. A motion was made by Commissioner Patrick, seconded by Commissioner Eichler to approve the subcommittee assignments as submitted. Unanimous approval. Chair Ort advised that he will soon be addressing the issue of a special committee to look at the SERC's integration with the Michigan Homeland Security Task Force, particularly in the area of critical infrastructure protection.

LEPCs and Local Citizen Corp Councils. The governor has assigned the Michigan Community Service Commission as the point of contact for Citizen Corp. EMD will be working closely with the MCSC. Discussions have been held on utilizing the LEPCs as local Citizen Corp Councils. More information will be provided at the next meeting. Commissioner Van Gelder advised that he has a deputy who has received Train-the-Trainer certification for CERT. He received a grant for CERT training in Kalamazoo County for approximately \$39,000. *Note –Deputy Chief Patrick Butler, Kalamazoo Twp. Fire Department, 269-345-0313, Pbutler891@aol.com.*

2003 SERC Meeting Schedule. The 2003 meeting schedule was discussed. It will be tabled until the next meeting.

Vice Chair Zugger advised that the new DEQ representative will be announced before the next meeting. Paul thanked everyone for the privilege of serving on the commission. *Note – New DEQ representative is Ms. Amy Butler.*

10. **Public Comments.** Chair Ort introduced Mr. Andy Such of the Michigan Chemistry Council. The Michigan Chemistry Council represents the chemical manufacturers of the state. There are 350 chemical companies in the state. There were 13 TRANSCAER workshop held this past summer. TRANSCAER is a national effort by the chemical industry, partnering with Michigan State Police, the Michigan Trucking Association, Michigan Railroads Association. Over 800 public safety responders attended these workshops. Chair Ort thanked Linda Lewis for her support to the SERC and wished her best in her retirement.

11. **Adjourn.** Commissioner Eichler moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Commissioner Simon. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2003, at 1:30 p.m. in the State Emergency Operations Center located at 4000 Collins Road, Lansing.